

Hi Fans,

By the time you read this, K & R will have completed their European tour and will be back home in a sunny California. March will be devoted to recording a new single but to date, haven't decided on what it will be. Response to the patch and poster offer has been tremendous and this will be the last month to take advantage of this offer. For just \$1.50 we are offering both a Song For You poster and a beautiful yellow and orange sew-on patch. NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS: Back issues of Newsletters are available for 5¢ each or \$1.25 per set. Warned you that the schedule published in NL # 34 was tentative! There's been some changes: April 15, scratch Danville, Va. and substitute Raleigh, N.C. July 13 and 14, gigs scheduled in Portland and Seattle have been reversed. The Sahara Tahoe appearance July 16 thru 24 has been cancelled and so have Redrocks Co. on the 26th, Tulsa Ok., the 27th and St. Louis Mo., the 28th. July 18 - 21 they will be at Pine Knob, Mich., 23 - 28, Cleveland Ohio, 29 thru Aug. 4, Warwick R.I. rather than Indianapolis, Aug. 5 & 6, Merriweather Post Pav. in Md. Pine Knob on Aug. 15 - cancelled. Last month we left K & R in Valley Forge where they'd just played their first baseball game. Next day, K's throat was inflamed, so Mr. Bash (their manager) drove her to Philly for a check-up and treatment. The rest of the group enjoyed a game of volley ball beside the pool and Richard managed to join the fun playing one handed. The trip to New Haven was hot and rather costly. The temp. was 100° and the turnpikes and toll bridges emptied their pockets of all change. Their day off was spent with cousin Joan who served them a lovely and much appreciated home cooked meal. As Richard, Maria and Joan's husband, Hank washed and shined the Ferrari, a threatening thunderstorm passed over, complete with huge thunderbolts. But it did pass over so the newly washed car was spared a second soaking. Note to Danny fans - this was the day he shaved off his beard. During their Conn. stay the weather was mostly **HOT**. The theater was not air conditioned and on stage the temp. was over a hundred degrees. Buckets of cold towels were kept on stage so they could cool themselves periodically. In spite of the heat they got in some baseball practice and later enjoyed huge delicious lobsters and prime rib at the Yankee Silversmith restaurant. R's song-writing partner, John Bettis joined them in Wallingford for a visit. Maria suddenly broke out in red blotches and it was feared she might have the measles but a trip to the doctor revealed that it was an allergy. The medication she had to apply felt like plaster-of-Paris she said. The doctor's place, R said, reminded them of Dr. Welby's home/office on TV. Thursday's ball game was a super production complete with beautiful ball park with mowed lawn, P.A. system, dug-out and a police escort to the game. The weather that day, fortunately dropped from hot to cold. They won the game 14 to 3 and the opposing team's 3 runs were scored when Curt tripped when he went after the ball and had to be taken to the hospital with an injured arm. Danny scored a home run and Dave, the roadie scored 2. After the game, K was picked up and tossed into the air and her pants got ripped in the process. Friday, Mom & Dad left to return home, Maria, a terrific cook, prepared a most delicious Florentine omelet, and old and new friends dropped by to visit. One visitor was the owner of a pizza parlour who invited them to his place for a pizza feast. The invitation was accepted for Saturday which was Cubby's birthday and the celebration turned out to be great fun. A pizza had been made for Cubby. It was shaped like Mickey Mouse and was complete with candles which finally melted into the pizza. Sunday the gang enjoyed another home made meal, this time prepared by Theresa, a close friend of Mom Carpenter, who still resides in New Haven a short distance from Carpenters old Hall Street home. Richard and Maria took the "Grand Tour" of New Haven including a cruise of Hall Street, in the Ferrari. R used to day dream of doing this very thing when he was in elementary school in New Haven. R's collection of '78's that had been left behind with friends when they moved to Cal. was boxed and packed in the Ferrari trunk. Also a 1937 Zenith radio (which still works) was crated and sent to their Downey home. Concert business in Holmdel, N.J. was incredible. They played to over 47000 spectators, breaking the attendance record there, in spite of all the rain. The theater with its red seats and red carpets is beautiful. The dome of the theater, R. said, resembles a flying saucer, K got in some shopping while Maria and Richard once again washed the Ferrari, to clean the mess that some unkind person made when they threw a bottle of coke over the entire car - inside and out. Thursday's ball game was played in Roosevelt park against D.J.s from New York stations. Again it was a super production with newscasters, helicopters and a brass band. The 6000 spectators donated a total of \$5000.00 to the cancer society and K & R threw in another \$5000.00. Unfortunately, Danny injured his leg in ball practice and he got staph infection in the open wound. Pain hit him while he was doing a show and was so unbearable he was forced to do the last two numbers sitting on a chair. He was very ill by the end of the concert and the doctor who came to treat him ordered him off his feet for two weeks. Sunday night Tony (the Bone) was back with the group and happy to be recovered from his illness that kept him away from the group since June.

More next month,

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